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## Senate Concurrent Resolution

**No. 26**

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### **Introduced by Senator Blakeslee**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Relative to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 26, as amended, Blakeslee. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified location on State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 is a highway running north
- 2 to south, spanning most of California, from the City of San Juan
- 3 Capistrano to Mendocino County; and

1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 1 has a strong historical  
2 significance for the military personnel of the Vietnam War era as  
3 it passes through the central coast region, and is home to many  
4 veterans' museums and memorials; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of California has the largest United States  
6 veteran population in the nation, making California home to more  
7 than 7,000,000 veterans and dependents representing more than  
8 10 percent of California's population; and

9 WHEREAS, More California residents currently serve as active  
10 duty military personnel than do residents of any other state; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 350,000 California veterans served in  
12 the Vietnam War, 40,000 of whom were wounded and 5,822 of  
13 whom were missing in action or killed, representing more than 10  
14 percent of the nation's total casualties in that war; and

15 WHEREAS, More California residents gave their lives in the  
16 Vietnam War than residents of any other state, and more  
17 Californians were awarded the Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star,  
18 or the Purple Heart than veterans of any other state; and

19 WHEREAS, 220 young men and women from the City of  
20 Guadalupe served their country in the Vietnam War, three of whom  
21 bravely made the ultimate sacrifice; and

22 WHEREAS, The residents of Santa Barbara County wish to  
23 express their gratitude and appreciation for the sacrifices these  
24 Vietnam veterans made for their country by creating a veterans  
25 recognition corridor that hopefully will become an ongoing  
26 memorial for veterans and their families; and

27 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the section of State  
28 Highway Route 1 that runs through the City of Guadalupe be  
29 designated the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; now,  
30 therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates that  
33 portion of State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe, in  
34 Santa Barbara County, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway;  
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That signs designating the Vietnam Veterans  
37 Memorial Highway be placed along southbound State Highway  
38 Route 1 at the San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County  
39 line, and northbound at the intersection of State Highway Route  
40 166 and State Highway Route 1; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
2 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent  
3 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
4 showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations  
5 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
6 plaques and markers; and be it further

7     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
8 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
9 author for appropriate distribution.

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